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To: WH-CETF

Subject: [WH-CETF] notes from tonight's meeting

WHCETF Meeting Notes 4/18/12

Introductions

Jeff Howard, Joe Campanella, Catherine Diviney, Roger Smith, Paul Popinchalk

Next Meeting: Wed May 9th 2012

Updates

○ Clean Energy Banner

▪ Received small \$800 grant from New England Grassroots Environmental Fund to put banner on central intersection in town.

▪ Send Jeff ideas about what it should look like by Wed 4/25. Message big in middle, logo in corner. jhoward2@flash.net

○ Performance Contracting

▪ Will participate in joint RFP to select Energy Services Company with Bloomfield, Avon, Simsbury. Peregrine to put it together. "One step" process to lock in pricing and select company. Need to spend Peregrine \$ by end of July as it was a stimulus grant. State (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) timelines at same time as towns, so limits to our ability to coordinate.

▪ Will need to educate town on benefits of ESPC and do large project paid for by savings over time without bonding.

▪ Which buildings? Bugbee or Duffy? Town side- fire-station or Elmwood Community Center

○ SunShot Initiative

- US Dept of Energy Grant to the CT Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (1 of 23 grants across country). W. Hartford invited to participate. Grant to reduce soft costs of installing solar (residential and commercial.) Costs including permitting, fees, P&Z hurdles, etc. Had recent kickoff meeting. Training for town inspectors and permitting people.

- Joe- process long between consumer interest and getting contractors to review buildings and then get incentives.

- Hotel Development

- Town council voted that the open space in Blueback can be developed.

- Is there a draft RFP? Specific a hotel on that site?

- Hotel developers differentiate themselves on greenness

- If construction imminent, need town to add separate scoring category for energy and sustainability to score them on in diff. categories. Require complying with WH Comprehensive Clean Energy Plan for town building which is LEED Gold or better and furthermore describe your plans to:

- Meet holistic green building standards

- Onsite cogeneration- favorable for building to serve as emergency shelter

- Onsite renewable energy

- Erosion/stormwater management

- Innovative transportation strategies to reduce added traffic

- Sustainable business policies on green cleaning, purchasing

Discussion

- Celebrate WH Planning

- Application in for WH CETF

- Coordinate with Melissa Everett- payment

- Display- Community Energy wind turbine, solar harvester, Home Energy Solutions. Home Energy Solution clipboard sign-in sheet. Home Energy Resource sheet. Catherine poster board with pictures on all the panels.

- Staffing- 2 people per shift, 2 days. Catherine- will email out request.

- Community/Business Outreach-tabled

- Solar RFP

- Catherine revising previous solar RFP. This summer new roof at Conard, new roof at King Phillip, Town Hall next summer. Potentially outdoor parking lots, too.
- Roger suggested to provide detailed information about the state of each building to interested parties.
- Update Energy Plan-tabled

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